This school district is a political subdivision of the State of Mississippi and is designated as the Jackson Public School District.

The school district is governed by the Board of Trustees whose powers, authority, and duties are imposed or granted by law. The Board of Trustees consists of seven members, selected in the manner provided by law.

The Jackson Public School District Board of Trustees derives its legal status from the state legislature which is subject to the constitutions of the State of Mississippi and the United States. Accordingly, education is a state function. This board is subject to legislative action and acts as an agent for the state.